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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Katherine Moran

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 July 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: 82 of Figure 11. Also, reference numeral 80 of Figure 11 points to a helmet surface, yet the specification refers to 80 as nuts. Please clarify.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 4, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Prupis (U.S. 2,640,980). Prupis discloses the invention as claimed. Prupis teaches a lighted headwear system comprising headwear H including a crown and an illuminating device 16 configured to couple to the crown. The headwear is a baseball-style cap and the illuminating device is included instead of a button at the crown of the cap.

4. Claims 1-3, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rodriguez et al. (Rodriguez, U.S. 6,244,721). Rodriguez discloses the invention as claimed. Rodriguez teaches a lighted headwear system comprising headwear 10 including a crown and an illuminating device 30 configured to couple to the crown. The headwear further comprises a shell portion 14 and a force dampening portion 12, with the illuminating device coupled to the headwear between the shell and force dampening portions. The headwear could be referred to as a motorcycle helmet when worn during the operation of a motorcycle.

5. Claims 1, and 9-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Johnston (U.S. 4,186,429). Johnston discloses the invention as claimed. Johnston teaches a lighted headwear system comprising headwear 35 including a crown and an

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illuminating device 11 configured to couple to the crown. The illuminating device is coupled to the headwear via an adhesive 22.

6. Claims 1, 8, and 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sinclair (U.S. 3,358,137). Sinclair discloses the invention as claimed. Sinclair teaches a lighted headwear system comprising headwear 10 including a crown and an illuminating device 20 configured to couple to the crown. The device is coupled to the headwear via a nut and bolt configuration 31,32. Sinclair's headwear includes a shell and a force dampening portion 30 and an illuminating element 23 configured to couple to the headwear between the shell and dampening portion. The headwear includes a power element 22 and a housing 21 configured to support the illuminating element and power element 22, and including a translucent portion. A control circuit operates the system and a user-operable switch 39 is configured to allow and disallow power to pass to the illuminating element.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record on the attached PTO-892, and not relied upon, is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Primary Examiner Katherine Moran at (571) 272-4990. The examiner can be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, and alternating Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Calvert, may be reached at (571) 272-4983. The official and after final

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fax number for the organization where this application is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

General information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Group Receptionist at (571) 272-3700.

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March 29, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Moran', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Katherine Moran

Primary Examiner, AU 3765